

**Edwards: Waco Regional Airport to receive \$4.9 million for Runway Rehabilitation from Stimulus Funding**

(Washington, D.C.) – United States Representative Chet Edwards announced today that the Waco Regional Airport will receive \$4,911,000 from the stimulus legislation signed by the President on February 17th. These funds will be distributed to the airport through the United States Department of Transportation.

“I am very pleased to see these critical transportation dollars flowing from the stimulus bill to Waco,” Edwards said. “The Waco Airport is an essential transportation hub for our region and improvements will not only create jobs in the near term, but help to sustain Waco’s economy in the future.”

The money will be used to rehabilitate and resurface the runways at the airport, a strategic transportation point for central Texas. The funding was made possible from federal discretionary appropriations, which can identify airport grants, after the Texas Department of Transportation failed to identify any Waco area transportation projects.

The project is scheduled to begin as early as July 2009 and will take between 14 and 18 months.

Other stimulus funds recently announce for McLennan County includes \$17.5 million in education funds for local school districts and \$610,557 in formula grants for law enforcement from the Department of Justice.